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HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: ELDERLY AND HEAT 7/2/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS THE HEAT WAVE CONTINUES ACROSS MUCH OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE ELDERLY ARE AMONG THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUPS AT RISK OF HEAT RELATED ILLNESS.

CLINTON BOURGEOIS WENT TO A SENIOR LIVING FACILITY TO SEE HOW THEY ARE HANDLING THE EXTREME HEAT.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: KIDS SPORTS HEAT 7/3/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MIDDLE GEORGIA EXPERIENCES SOME EXTREME HEAT BUT DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE CHILD IS SAFE WHEN PLAYING OUTSIDE IN IT?

NEWSCENTRALS CRISTEN DRUMMOND SHOWS US WHICH PRECAUTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE TO MAKE SURE YOUR KID DOESN'T SUFFER FROM ANY HEAT RELATED ILLNESSES.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: BLOOD NEEDED 7/5/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS ISSUED ANOTHER EMERGENCY CALL FOR BLOOD DONORS. IN LIGHT OF SEVERE STORMS IN THE MIDWEST AND THE MID ATLANTIC SOME AREAS MAY BE SEVERELY IMPACTED IN BUILDING THE BLOOD INVENTORY TO SUFFICIENT LEVELS IN MANY LOCATIONS.

MACON AND BIBB COUNTY ARE NOT AN EXCEPTION, THEY NEED BLOOD AND PLATELET DONORS TO DONATE AS WELL.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MAMMO LAWSUIT 7/6/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT LAWSUITS FILED OVER ALLEGED FAULTY MAMMOGRAM RESULTS FROM PERRY HOSPITAL.

HOUSTON HEALTHCARE HAS SOUGHT A GAG ORDER WHICH ALLEGES THAT THE DEFENDANTS SUING THE COMPANY HAVE PUBLICLY TALKED ABOUT THEIR MEDICAL ISSUES RELATING TO THE SUIT.

ACCORDING TO BIBB COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT RECORDS, 20 LAWSUITS ARE CURRENTLY PENDING AGAINST HOUSTON HEALTHCARE AND MANY OF THEM HAVE REQUESTED A CHANGE OF VENUE BACK TO HOUSTON COUNTY BY HOUSTON HEALTHCARE.

RACHAEL RAPRAEGER, A FORMER RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN AT PERRY HOSPITAL, ALLEGEDLY ENTERED NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR MORE THAN 1-THOUSAND MAMMOGRAMS THAT WERE NOT REVIEWED BY A RADIOLOGIST. 10 WERE LATER DETERMINED TO ACTUALLY BE POSITIVE, RESULTING IN RAPRAEGER'S INDICTMENT OF COMPUTER FORGERY AND MISDEMEANOR COUNTS OF RECKLESS CONDUCT.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: RABID KITTEN 7/9/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ANOTHER ANIMAL TESTS POSITIVE FOR RABIES IN HOUSTON COUNTY AND NOW HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WANT TO REMIND PEOPLE TO BE WEARY AROUND UNKNOWN ANIMALS.

A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE HOUSTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS A STRAY KITTEN SCRATCHED A MAN ON THURSDAY AFTER HE PICKED IT UP IN HIS YARD.

THE KITTEN TESTED POSITIVE FOR RABIES AND THE MAN IS NOW RECEIVING THE POST EXPOSURE SHOTS.

THIS IS THE FOURTH ONE IN 20-12 TO TEST POSITIVE AND THE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO REMIND PEOPLE TO BE MORE CAUTIOUS OF ANIMALS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: REPUBLICANS & HEALTHCARE 7/10/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S A COMPLEX ISSUE THAT AFFECTS EVERY AMERICAN. TODAY, HEALTH CARE TAKES CENTER STAGE ON CAPITOL HILL AS REPUBLICANS WAGE A NEW EFFORT TO REPEAL OBAMACARE JUST AFTER THE SUPREME COURT UPHELD THE LAW AS CONSTITUTIONAL. TOMMY ANDRES HAS MORE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HEALTHCARE REPEAL 7/11/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

HOPING THE 33RD TIME WOULD BE A CHARM, HOUSE REPUBLICANS VOTED ONCE AGAIN TO REPEAL PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTHCARE REFORM LAW.

today'S VOTE ENDED UP BEING MORE SYMBOLIC THAN ANYTHING ELSE, AS IT APPEARS HERE TO STAY... FOR NOW.

DESPITE THE UNITED FRONT BY THE HOUSE G-O-P, IT'S DOUBTFUL THE MEASURE WOULD MAKE IT THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN THE SENATE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: JULIETTE WATER TESTING 7/12/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME CENTRAL GEORGIA RESIDENTS WILL SOON FIND OUT IF THEIR WELL WATER HAS DANGEROUS OR ELEVATED LEVELS OF URANIUM.

A TEAM OF TESTERS FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES WERE IN MONROE COUNTY TODAY, TESTING WELL WATER AT TEN DIFFERENT HOMES IN AND AROUND JULIETTE.

THE TEAM IS RE - TESTING WATER THAT PREVIOUSLY SHOWED TRACES OF URANIUM ... AN ELEMENT THAT CAN BE HARMFUL TO HUMANS IN LARGE AMOUNTS.

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR CARLA COLEY SAYS THE TESTS WILL LET PEOPLE KNOW IF THEY NEED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES ABOUT HOW THEY USE THE WATER.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MAMMO MARATHON 7/13/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE THE MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA IS WORKING TO HELP THE ONE OUT OF EVERY EIGHT WOMEN THAT WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER.

THE CENTRAL GEORGIA BREAST CARE CENTER AND CENTRAL GEORGIA DIAGNOSTICS AT THE MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA TEAMED UP FRIDAY TO PROVIDE EASY WALK IN MAMMOGRAMS.

THE EVENT ALSO FEATURED REFRESHMENTS, DOOR PRIZES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: BLOOD SHORTAGES 7/20/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AND THE AMERICAN BLOOD CROSS DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH A BLOOD SUPPLY CRISIS.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATIONS ARE AT THE LOWEST THEY HAVE BEEN IN 15 YEARS.
JUST A FEW ADDITIONAL BLOOD DONORS AT THE SUMMER'S REMAINING BLOOD DRIVES
COULD BOOST CENTRAL GEORGIA'S SUPPLY. DONORS WITH TYPE O NEGATIVE, O POSITIVE, A
NEGATIVE OR B NEGATIVE BLOOD ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO GIVE THIS SUMMER.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HEPATITIS C WORKER 7/23/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER WAS CONTACTED BY NEW HAMPHSHIRE OFFICALS REGARDING THE HEATLH OF A FORMER EMPLOYEE.

AN INVESTIGATION DISCOVERED THAT FORMER CONTRACT WORKER - DAVID KWIATKOWSKI - WORKED IN THE CARDIAC CATH LAB WHILE HAVING HEPATITIS C.

THE MEDICAL CENTER SAID KWIATKOWSKI DID NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR MEDICATION SYSTEM AND ARE WAITING FOR APPROPRIATE TESTING GUIDELINES FROM THE CENTER OF DISEASE CONTROL.

HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER SAID THEY ARE ACTIVELY IDENTIFYING ANY PATIENTS WHO MAY NEED TO BE CONTACTED.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HEPATITIS C UPDATE 7/25/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

A MAN INVESTIGATORS SAY GAVE DOZENS OF PEOPLE HEPATITIS C, MADE A COURT APPEARANCE TUESDAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

DAVID KWIATKOWSKI WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO A DETENTION HEARING IN FEDERAL COURT. PROSECUTORS SAY KWIATKOWSKI IS A "SERIAL INFECTOR" WHO USED HIS POSITION AS A MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TO PASS HEP-C TO PATIENTS AT A HOSPITAL'S CARDIAC CATH LAB. THEY SAY HE INJECTED HIMSELF WITH PAINKILLERS MEANT FOR THE PATIENTS, THEN THE SYRINGES WERE RE-USED.

ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE FROM HOUSTON HEALTHCARE, KWIATKOWSKI WAS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE AT THE HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER FROM OCTOBER 2010 THROUGH MARCH 2011 IN THE CARDIAC CATH LAB. THE HOSPITAL SAYS IT IS IDENTIFYING PATIENTS WHO NEED TO BE CONTACTED AND PLAN TO SEND THOSE PATIENTS A CERTIFIED LETTER WITH RECOMMENDED TESTING GUIDELINES WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: BLIZZARD DAY 7/26/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

WITH THE VERY WARM TEMPETATURES OUTSIDE WHY NOT GET A COLD TREAT AND GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AT THE SAME TIME...

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL FUBDRAISER FOR THE CHILDRENS MIRACLE NETWORK HOSPITALS TOOK PLACE today.

WITH 23 DAIRY QUEENS PARTICIPATING IN CENTRAL GEORGIA, D-Q WILL DONATE AT LEAST ONE DOLLAR TO THE MIRACLE NETWORK FOR EVERY BLIZZARD THAT'S PURCHASED. AND THE KIDS ALSO GET TO HAVE A SPECIAL TREAT OF THEIR OWN DURING THIS SPECIAL FUNDRAISER.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: KODY LUCAS PREVIEW 7/27/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

YOUR GIFT OF LIFE COULD HELP THE MEMORY OF A HOUSTON COUNTY TEEN LIVE ON. KODY LUCAS DIED THIS SPRING AFTER BRAVELY BATTLING WITH CANCER FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL KODY LUCAS BLOOD DRIVE WILL BE HELD FROM TEN A-M TO THREE P-M AT ROZAR PARK IN PERRY.

PERRY EXCHANGE CLUB WILL BE SPONSORING THE EVENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION... CALL 960-0367.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HOUSTON HEPATITUS UPDATE 8/1/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

A FORMER HOUSTON MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND ACCUSED OF SPREADING HEPATITIS C TO PATIENTS IN SEVERAL HOSPITALS HE'S WORKED IN ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

BUT WHAT HAD TO TAKE PLACE FOR PATIENTS TO BE AT RISK OF CATCHING THE DISEASE FROM HIM.

NEWSCENTRAL'S AMBER JONES LOOKS INTO THE DETAILS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/8/2012 11:00 PM

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT IS IMPORTANT FOR ANYONE WITH KIDS WHO RIDE IN CARS. NEW INFORMATION SAYS THAT NOT ENOUGH IS BEING DONE TO KEEP THEM SAFE ON THE ROAD.

HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: WESLEYAN NURSING 8/9/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

THERE'S A NEW PROGRAM COMING TO WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

WESLEYAN IS NOW ENROLLING WOMEN WHO PLAN TO ENTER THE COLLEGE'S NEW BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM.

THE NURSING PROGRAM AT WESLEYAN RECEIVED THE GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING'S INITIAL APPROVAL IN JULY AND THE COLLEGE IS ON TARGET TO OBTAIN FULL APPROVAL. JUNIOR LEVEL NURSING COURSES WILL BEGIN IN THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2013, BUT STUDENTS CAN BEGIN PRE-NURSING CLASSES THIS FALL.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/10/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT -- NEWS FROM THE WAR ON CANCER. IT TURNS OUT THAT THE MOST FAMILIAR HOUSEHOLD DRUG OF ALL CAN BE OF SOME BENEFIT. HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/13/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT -- CONTROLLING KIDS' WEIGHT. NEW RESEARCH SAYS LAWS REGULATING FOOD SALES TO STUDENTS DESERVE GOOD GRADES. MORE FROM ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HOPE CHAPTER 8/15/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

WOMEN IN HOUSTON AND PEACH COUNTY WITH BREAST CANCER WILL NOW HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE TO SHARE THEIR STORIES AND FIND HOPE...

CENTRAL GEORGIA BREAST CARE CENTER AT THE MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA IS ADDING A PINK ALLIANCE HOPE CHAPTER FOR WOMEN IN HOUSTON AND PEACH COUNTY.

THE HOPE CHAPTER IS AN EDUCATIONAL BASED BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP.
WOMEN WITH BREAST CANCER AND BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
ALONG WITH THEIR FAMLIES AND FRIENDS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DISEASE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/16/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT -- DEMENTIA. A NEW STUDY FOUND THAT RESISTANCE TO THE DISEASE MAY BE GENETIC. ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- EXPLAINS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/17/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT IS A KNOWN FACT THAT KIDS WHO SPENT MOST OF THEIR TIME SITTING AROUND ARE MORE LIKELY TO STRUGGLE WITH WEIGHT GAIN AND OBESITY. IN OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT ----ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR --DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.---REPORTS ON ANOTHER CONSEQUENCE OF A SEDENTARY LIFESTYLE IN CHILDREN.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/20/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, 60 PERCENT OF U-S CHILDREN AGE THREE TO 11 ARE REGULARLY EXPOSED TO TOBACCO SMOKE. AND THERE'S NEW EVIDENCE OF THE HARM IT CAN DO. HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- WITH OUR MEDICAL MINUTE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HOUSTON HEALTHCARE 8/21/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AN ATTORNEY HAS ASKED FOR A GAG ORDER IN A MAMMOGRAM FRAUD CASE.
JONATHAN MARIGLIANO, ATTORNEY FOR HOUSTON HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS ARGUED IN
COURT TODAY THAT A GAG ORDER SHOULD BE IMPOSED IN 21 LAWSUITS FILED AGAINST THE
COMPANY.

THE LAWSUITS ALLEDGE THAT A RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN WRONGLY ENTERED NEGATIVE RESULTS FROM MAMMOGRAMS.

SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE EDGAR ENNIS TABLED THE ISSUES, GIVING THE ATTORNEYS AN AUGUST 31ST DEADLINE FOR FILING WRITTEN ARGUEMENTS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/22/2012 11:00 PM

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT LOOKS AT WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY. IT'S BECOME A POPULAR ALTERNATIVE FOR THOSE HAVING TROUBLE WITH CONVENTIONAL DIETING. BUT THERE IS NEWS TONIGHT THAT IT'S GOOD FOR MORE THAN JUST LOSING WEIGHT. HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/23/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT TAKES A LOOK AT ANTIBIOTICS AND INFANTS. A NEW STUDY FOUND THAT GIVING YOUR BABY ANTIBIOTICS TOO EARLY IN LIFECOULD INCREASE THEIR CHANCES OF BECOMING AN OVERWEIGHT TODDLER.

ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON REPORTS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/24/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT HAS A WARNING FOR THOSE CONSIDERING GETTING TATTOOED. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT OUT AN ALERT ABOUT THE RISK OF INFECTION FROM CONTAMINATED INK.

HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/27/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN TONIGHT'S MEDICAL MINUTE -- BREAST CANCER AND WOMEN'S WEIGHT. IT'S A WARNING FOR THOSE WOMEN WHO HAVE SURVIVED BREAST CANCER-- BUT WHO ARE CARRYING TOO MANY POUNDS. ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- EXPLAINS.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: RED CROSS 8/28/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE CENTRAL GEORGIA CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS IS CALLING ON VOLUNTEERS AS HURRICANE ISAAC BATTERS THE GULF COAST.

A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE RED CROSS SAYS VOLUNTEERS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF PREPARING TO ASSIST DURING A CRISIS.

THEY'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THE STORM SINCE LAST WEEK.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/29/2012 11:00 PM

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT LOOKS AT THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS WOMEN HAVE LOSING WEIGHT AFTER MENOPAUSE. NEW RESEARCH MAY MAKE IT EASIER. ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- HAS MORE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/30/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

TONIGHT'S MEDICAL MINUTE IS ABOUT CHOCOLATE. IT'S A TRADITIONAL GIFT FROM A MAN TO A WOMAN. BUT THE LATEST SCIENCE FINDS THAT CHOCOLATE MAY HAVE A SPECIAL BENEFIT FOR MEN. HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 8/31/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT HAS WORDS OF CAUTION ABOUT MARIJUANA. NEW RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT HEAVY POT USE EARLY IN LIFE COULD BE HARMFUL EVEN YEARS LATER. HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 9/3/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT IS ABOUT SMOKING AND EXPECTANT MOTHERS. YOU ALREADY KNOW SMOKING'S BAD FOR YOU. NOW THERE'S FRESH EVIDENCE IT'S BAD FOR YOUR BABY, TOO.

HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 9/4/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR GETS UNDERWAY, THERE IS NEWS ABOUT TEENAGERS AND THEIR WEIGHT. IT SEEMS THAT BEING TOO HEAVY CAN STUNT THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG BRAINS.

MORE FROM ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 9/5/2012 11:00 PM

THE THOUGHT OF A HEART ATTACK IS FRIGHTENING. AFTER ALL, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IS THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES. AND SURPRISINGLY. FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO EXPERIENCE THE CLASSIC SYMPTOMS LIKE CHEST PAIN, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, NAUSEA AND FATIGUE, NEARLY TWICE AS MANY HAVE NONE AT ALL. HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON ON A STUDY THAT TAKES A LOOK AT "SILENT HEART ATTACKS."

Date Aired: Newscast: Story: 9/6/2012 MEDICAL MINUTE 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IN OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT--- HEALTH CARE "WASTE." ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT ISSUED BY THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE. IN 2009 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WERE OVERSPENT ON HEALTH CARE RELATED EXPENSES. ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR --DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- REPORTS.

Date Aired: Newscast: Story: HOUSTON FLU VAX 9/7/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

FREE FLU VACCINES WILL SOON BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS IN HOUSTON COUNTY. THE COUNTY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE THE VACCINES AVAILABLE AT 40. DIFFERENT SITES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 25TH AND NOVEMBER 14TH.

PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO BE PRESENT FOR THE VACCINATIONS.

CONSENT FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME BEFORE HAND.

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF WHERE AND WHEN THE VACCINATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ... VISIT OUR WEBSITE NEWSCENTRAL G - A DOT COM.

Date Aired: Newscast: Story: FIGHTING OFF FLU SEASON 9/10/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OTHER MEDICAL NEWS, THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS IS RELEASING UPDATED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FLU VACCINES.

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THAT ALL CHILDREN 6-MONTHS OF AGE AND OLDER BE VACCINATED.

SPECIAL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO VACCINATE CHILDREN WHO HAVE CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITIONS LIKE ASTHMA. DIABETES. OR NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS.

THESE CONDITIONS CAN INCREASE THE CHILD'S RISK OF FLU COMPLICATIONS. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO INCLUDE FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO ARE IN CONTACT WITH NEWBORNS, CHILDREN WITH HIGH-RISK CONDITIONS,

AND CHILDREN UNDER FIVE.

Date Aired: Newscast: Story: 9/11/2012 JAY'S HOPE 11:00 PM

YOUR BONE MARROW COULD HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF A PERSON IN NEED.

THE JAY'S HOPE FOUNATION HOSTED A BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVE EARLIER TODAY ON THE CAMPUS OF CENTRAL GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

VOLUNTEERS WORKED TO SIGN UP VOLUNTEERS FOR A BONE MARROW REGISTRY AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE NEED FOR BONE MARROW DONORS.

FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF JAY'S HOPE CINDY GASKINS SAYS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITH BLOOD CANCERS LIKE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA DEPEND ON THESE MATCHES TO STAY ALIVE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: NEW MEDICAL CENTER CEO 9/12/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA HAS A NEW LEADER..

THE HOSPITAL NAMED DR. NINFA SAUNDERS AS HE HOSPITALS NEW PRESIDENT AND C-E-O. SHE REPLACES DON FAULK WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 39 YEARS OF SERVICE.

FAULK SAYS THOUGH HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEW C-E-O HE BELIEVES THAT SHE WILL DO A GREAT JOB.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HOSPITAL EXPANSIONS 9/13/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

SOME GOOD NEWS FOR OUR COMMUNITY... THE MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA HAS A PROPOSED EXPANSION. W-G-X-A'S AMBER JONES REPORTS ON HOW IT WILL HELP THE COMMUNITY TWO FOLD.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MIDGA AMBULANCE 9/14/2012 7:00 PM

Synopsis:

MID GEORGIA AMBULANCE CELEBRATES EARNING NATIONAL ACCREDITATION.

M-G-A HELD A LUNCHEON TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE DISTINCTION.

THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICES DETERMINES AGENCIES WITH AN INTENSE APPLICATION PROCESS AND AN ON-SITE REVIEW BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL EXPERTS.

M-G-A SAYS THIS SERVES AS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT PROVES THEIR COMMITMENT TO NOT ONLY TO PATIENTS BUT THE COMMUNITY.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: FORSYTH TAKE BACK DRUGS 9/17/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

THE FORSYTH POLICE DEPARTMENT IS TAKING A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH IN GETTING DRUGS OFF THE STREETS..

AND IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE A BIG, RED MAILBOX. W-G-X-A'S CLINTON BOURGEOIS HAS THE STORY.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HELIPORT CELEBRATION 9/18/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW AT TEN...

A LOCAL LANDING PAD HAS REACHED AN IMPRESSIVE BENCHMARK

THIS IS THE VIEW FROM ATOP THE MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL GEORGIA.

THE LANDING PAD SEEN HERE IS USED TO BRING EMERGENCY PATIENTS BY AIR TO THE HOSPITAL, WHICH IS THE ONLY LEVEL 1 TRAUMA CENTER SERVING CENTRAL AND SOUTH GEORGIA.

TODAY A SMALL CEREMONY WAS HELD TO COMMERATE one thousand FLY-INS TO THE HOSPITAL.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MAYOR CHILD SAFETY 9/19/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

MACON CITY MAYOR ROBERT REICHERT WANTS TO MAKE SURE OUR MOST PRICELESS CARGO REMAINS SAFE AS WE TRAVEL....

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 9/24/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

OUR MEDICAL MINUTE TONIGHT LOOKS AT KIDS AND ANTIBIOTICS. A NEW STUDY LINKS A WIDELY-USED CLASS OF ANTIBIOTICS WITH A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN CHILDREN.

ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- HAS THE STORY.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HOUSTON FLU SHOTS 9/25/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

IT'S FLU-FIGHTING TIME FOR STUDENTS IN HOUSTON COUNTY.

YESTERDAY, HOUSTON COUNTY STUDENTS--WITH PARENTAL APPROVAL--GOT THEIR FLU IMMUNIZATIONS.

KIDS HAVE A CHOICE OF THE CONVENTIONAL SHOT OR THE LESS INTRUSIVE NASAL MIST..
W-G-X-A WENT TO WARNER ROBINS TO VISIT LINWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEAD NURSE
KATHERINE SHIPLETT, WHO SAYS THIS SHOT WILL MEAN LESS TIME LOST FOR STUDENTS IN
THE CLASSROOM.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: MEDICAL MINUTE 9/26/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

HAVING THEIR TONSILS OUT HAS LONG BEEN A RITE OF PASSAGE FOR MILLIONS OF KIDS AND TONIGHT THERE'S GOOD NEWS ABOUT A DRUG THAT'S WIDELY USED TO HELP THEM THROUGH IT.

HERE'S ABC'S SENIOR MEDICAL CONTRIBUTOR -- DOCTOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON -- AND OUR MEDICAL MINUTE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: CENTRAL GA. HEARTWALK 9/27/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

NEW AT 10 TATTNALL SQUARE PARK WAS FULL OF ACTIVITY THIS AFTERNOON AS MANY CAME OUT TO THE CENTRAL GEORGIA HEART WALK.

WALKERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO WALK A TOTAL OF THREE POINT ONE MILES WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 4 LOOPS AROUND THE COURSE.

PROCEEDS FROM THE WALK WILL BE GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, AND THOSE INVOLVED IN THE FUNDRAISER WERE HAPPY TO BE A PART OF ENDING HEART DISEASE.

Story: Date Aired: Newscast: HATS FOR HOPE 9/28/2012 11:00 PM

Synopsis:

AND BIBB COUNTY STUDENTS GOT A CHANCE TO SHOW OFF THEIR FAVORITE HAT AT SCHOOL TODAY.

IT'S ALL PART OF THE HATS FOR HOPE INITIATIVE.

STUDENTS WHO DONATED A DOLLAR WORE A HAT TO SCHOOL TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH CANCER.

THEIR DONATIONS GO TOWARD THE JAY'S HOPE FOUNDATION THAT HELPS CHILDHOOD CANCER FAMILIES.

AND THERE WERE ALL TYPES OF HATS AT ALEXANDER TWO MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.